1. WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST: A MOSAIC CROSS

As you come in you see tables set up around the room. At the tables will be name tags, string, and a large rectangle of cardstock.

A) Make a Name Tag: Take one of the smaller pieces of cardstock with two holes in it. String it with a piece of string. This will be your name tag. You can decorate them a little, but don't spend much time on them. Make sure I can read your name.

N.B. If you are able, laminating these name tags can ensure that they last throughout the programme.

B) Make a Card to add to the Cross: You can spend a little more time on this. Use the LARGER cardstock. In the centre the child who is preparing for First Eucharist should write his or her name. Family members can help decorate the piece in ways that tell something about why the person is special. You can use words, symbols, acrostics, pictures, names, etc. BE CREATIVE!

2. CALLED BY NAME: CELEBRATION

Word of God: The Call of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-11)
Rite of Renewal of Baptismal Call
Closing Song: Here I Am Lord!

3. REFRESHMENTS - Please sign up to help for the next session. Please remember when bringing treats that we do have some children with serious nut allergies. Dare cookies are manufactured in a nut-free environment.

4. RITE OF CALLING TO FIRST COMMUNION - (JANUARY 19 & 20): Children, please wear your name tags to church. When it says "All Masses" on the schedule, it does not mean that you must come to ALL masses, but that you may come to ANY mass.

The children will be called to come forward with their families and will be greeted with "... I call you to be a full member of God's church." They should respond "Here I am!"

5. TEACHING MASS: Thursday, January 24, 2019

This will happen in the church and will help you to understand more about what we are doing when we gather for mass.

6. BEFORE THE NEXT CELEBRATION: February 7, 9 or 10

(a) Talk about your child's baptism with him or her. Bring out the photos and mementos from your child's baptism. Perhaps you could even invite his or her godparents to dinner and have them share in the storytelling.

(b) Complete pages 1-18 of your journal.

7. PLEASE SEE ME IF:

... your child was not baptised in a Catholic Church.
... if you have not received my email reminders and would like to.
... if you have any questions at all!!!

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